Release of pending TV Serials

1565. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of T.V. serials pending with Doordarshan as on date as compared to the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that cassettes of some T.V. serials which are still pending for approval with Doordarshan, are available in local market of the country and have already been telecast in U.S.A. and Canada;

(c) if so, their names and the reasons for their being held up from telecast; and

(d) whether Government propose to have a definite policy for clearing TV serial to be released for telecast within a specified time frame and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Such details are not maintained centrally in a compiled form.

(b) No record is maintained by Doordarshan of Indian serials produced by private agencies available in local markets in cassettes or telecast by TV stations abroad.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Selection of serials is an ongoing activity. Proposals for serials are selected depending upon the requirements of Doordarshan from time to time.

Setting up of Monitoring Cell for Foreign T.V.

1566. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to establish a monitoring cell near New Delhi for all the foreign television services including Pakistan television to have a check on them;

(b) if so, what are its functions and by when it is likely to start functioning;

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to counter the anti-Indian propaganda by Pakistan near our borders and POK areas; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up monitoring cells near our borders and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) The Government have already established a Central Monitoring Service at Delhi (CMS), the functions of which include monitoring of Radio and T.V. news bulletins and news related programmes from abroad.

(c) It is the constant endeavour of All India Radio/Doordarshan to counter all anti-India propaganda through their programmes in different formats including the external services of A.I.R.

(d) Central Monitoring Service has two field units at Jammu and at Calcutta.

दूरदर्शन की कार्य प्रणाली के संबंध में केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा जांच

1567. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो को दूरदर्शन की कार्य प्रणाली की जांच करने का काम सौंपा गया है;